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SUBJ: SECRETARY ROGERS' VISIT: EMBASSY ASSESSMENT

SUMMARY: EMBASSY BELIEVES SECRETARY ROGERS' VISIT
COULD HARDLY HAVE BEEN MORE SUCCESSFUL BOTH FROM THE
STANDPOINT OF SUBSTANTIVE DISCUSSIONS WITH SENIOR
MEXICAN OFFICIALS AND FROM THAT OF PRESS COVERAGE OF
AND REACTION TO VISIT. SECRETARY' S VISIT CREATED GENERALLY
FAVORABLE IMPRESSION AMONG MEXICAN PUBLIC AND OFFICIALS
OF GOM, AND EMBASSY BELIEVES IT STARTED OFF MR. ROGERS'
TRIP ON A SUCCESSFUL NOTE. END SUMMARY.

1. PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS: EMBASSY IS CONFIDENT THAT
THIS VISIT HAS GREATLY CONTRIBUTED TO A LASTING ENHANCE-
MENT OF PERSONAL RELATIONSHIPS OF SECRETARY, UNDER
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SECRETARY CASEY AND ASSISTANT SECRETARY KUBISCH WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA AND FOREIGN SECRETARY RABASA. THE MEXICAN OFFICIALS WERE OBVIOUSLY PLEASED AND ENTHUSIASTIC TO HAVE SUCH FRANK AND INFORMAL DISCUSSIONS AND TO HEAR THE SECRETARY'S VIEWS ON WORLD AND HEMISPHERE PROBLEMS AS WELL AS ON BILATERAL ONES. WE BELIEVE THEY WERE FLATTERED AT THE SECRETARY'S INTEREST IN ECHEVERRIA'S WORLD TRIP AND HIS AND RABASA'S VIEWS ON HEMISPHERE PROBLEMS. WE ARE HOPEFUL THAT SECRETARY'S VISIT COMING ON THE HEELS OF ECHEVERRIA'S TRIP WILL HELP PRODUCE A MORE REALISTIC AND MATURE ATTITUDE OF GOM TOWARDS INTERNATIONAL, HEMISPHERE AND BILATERAL PROBLEMS, AND THAT WE MAY SEE A MORE COOPERATIVE MEXICO AS A RESULT. AT LEAST TWO SENIOR MEXICAN OFFICIALS (PRESIDENT'S BROTHER AND RABASA'S SPECIAL ASSISTANT) HAVE REMARKED TO US THAT COMPARED TO SOME OF THE OTHER COUNTRIES VISITED, THE U. S. IS PRETTY EASY TO DEAL WITH.

2. SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES:

(A) SALINITY. ECHEVERRIA AND RABASA WERE DELIGHTED FINALLY TO RECEIVE OUR SALINITY PROPOSAL AND THEIR PUBLIC COMMENTS ABOUT IT HAVE BEEN QUITE FAVORABLE. NEVERTHELESS, RABASA DID COMMENT TO CHARGE DEAN THAT HE THOUGHT IT WAS " NOT ENOUGH". WE BELIEVE GOM WILL WELCOME A VISIT BY MR. BROWNELL THE END OF THIS MONTH OR BEGINNING OF NEXT FOR FURTHER ELUCIDATION OF PROPOSAL. RABASA ALSO TOLD SECRETARY HE INTENDED TO GO TO WASHINGTON TO TALK WITH HIM FURTHER ON THIS MATTER.

(B) ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS. IT WAS VERY USEFUL FOR MEXICAN OFFICIALS TO HEAR SECRETARY ROGERS' VIEWS, BASED ON HIS LONG EXPERIENCE WITH THIS PROBLEM, THAT IT IS REALLY NOT SOLVABLE, THAT WE SHOULD NOT RAISE EXPECTATIONS OF SOLUTION, AND THAT THERE ARE PERHAPS SOME STEPS WE CAN MUTUALLY TAKE TO MAKE IT MORE MANAGEABLE. SECRETARY AGREED IN GENERAL TERMS WITH RABASA'S SUGGESTION THAT U. S. AND MEXICAN GROUPS OF EXPERTS MEET IN WASHINGTON SOON FOR DISCUSSIONS TO THIS END.

(C) ANTI- NARCOTICS COOPERATION. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED
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THEIR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE THIS IMPORTANT ENDEAVOR AND SECRETARY GOT ACROSS POINT THAT WE WISH TO SEE HIGHER PRIORITY GIVEN TO EFFORTS TO INTERDICT TRAFFICKING IN HEROIN AND DANGEROUS DRUGS.

(D) PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA'S WORLD TOUR. IT SEEMS EVIDENT ECHEVERRIA AND HIS ASSOCIATES LEARNED A GOOD BIT

FROM THEIR TRIP AND THAT THEY CAME BACK WITH A MUCH MORE REALISTIC UNDERSTANDING OF INTERNATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS AND THE FACTS OF LIFE ABOUT RUSSIA AND CHINA. THE PRESIDENT'S OWN STATEMENTS ABOUT THE TRIP CONFIRMED EARLIER EMBASSY REPORTS, ESPECIALLY HIS UNFAVORABLE REACTION TO THE SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. (ON THE OTHER HAND, IN HER CONVERSATION WITH MRS. ROGERS, MRS. ECHEVERRIA CONFIRMED EARLIER REPORTS OF HER FASCINATION WITH AND FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF CHINA.)

(E) VISIT OF PRESIDENT NIXON TO MEXICO AND LATIN AMERICA. ECHEVERRIA MADE CLEAR HIS PLEASURE AT THE PROSPECT OF A POSSIBLE VISIT BY PRESIDENT NIXON BUT USED THE OPPORTUNITY TO ADVANCE HIS SUGGESTION FOR A CHIEFS- OF- STATE MEETING IN COZUMEL. THIS EMBASSY WOULD NOT THINK THAT ECHEVERRIA'S CONFIDENT ASSERTION THAT ALL LATIN AMERICAN CHIEFS OF STATE WOULD HAPPILY ATTEND SUCH A GET- TOGETHER IS A CORRECT ASSESSMENT OF THE LIKELY REACTIONS OF OTHER LEADERS OF THE HEMISPHERE. WE WOULD ALSO QUESTION THE VALUE OF SUCH A MEETING, DESPITE ECHEVERRIA'S ASSURANCES THAT IT WOULD NOT END UP AS AN ANTI- U. S. FORUM.

(F) LEONHARDY KIDNAPPING. IT WAS USEFUL FOR OUR RELATIONS WITH MEXICAN GOVERNMENT TO HAVE THE SECRETARY PERSONALLY EXPRESS APPRECIATION FOR GOM'S CONCERN FOR LIFE OF LEONHARDY AND RESULTANT SAFE RETURN OF OUR CONSUL GENERAL. THERE IS NO DOUBT GOM UNDERSTANDS OUR OWN POSITION CONCERNING KIDNAPPINGS.

(G) OAS REORGANIZATION. ECHEVERRIA AND ESPECIALLY RABASA ASSERTED THAT MEXICO WISHED A BUSINESSLIKE REVIEW OF OAS, INCLUDING ITS FUNDAMENTAL TREATIES, WITH IDEA OF MAKING IT MORE EFFECTIVE ORGANIZATION. THE MEXICANS SPECIFICALLY REJECTED CONCEPT OF LATIN AMERICAN ORGANIZATION WITHOUT

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U. S. PARTICIPATION. WHILE MEXICO BELIEVES IN UNIVERSALITY AND THE INCLUSION OF CUBA, CANADA AND GUYANA IN ANY FUTURE ORGANIZATION, RABASA MADE CLEAR THAT MEXICO WOULD TAKE NO INITIATIVE TO BRING CASTRO BACK TO OAS.

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(H) ECONOMIC SUBJECTS. ECHEVERRIA AND RABASA BOTH PUSHED THE CHARTER OF ECONOMIC RIGHTS AND DUTIES, ASKED FOR MORE ACTIVE U. S. PARTICIPATION IN DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING IT, AND APPEALED FOR OUR HELP IN PREVENTING PROCEDURAL OBSTRUCTIONS BEING PUT IN ITS PATH. THE SECRETARY AND MR. CASEY WERE BOTH CAREFUL TO SAY ONLY THAT WE WOULD CONTINUE TO STUDY THE CHARTER, WHILE MAKING CLEAR OUR OWN PHILOSOPHY OF MORAL BUT NOT LEGAL OBLIGATION TO ASSIST OTHER COUNTRIES. THE MEXICANS ALSO EXPRESSED THEIR CONCERN OVER THE U. S. TRADE REFORM ACT OF 1973, ESPECIALLY ITS POSSIBLE APPLICATION TO THE BORDER INDUSTRY PROGRAM. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED INTEREST IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS CONCERNING MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS. SECRETARY ROGERS AND UNDER SECRETARY CASEY GOT ACROSS THE CONCERN OF SOME U. S. BUSINESS ABOUT NEW MEXICAN FOREIGN INVESTMENT AND TECHNOLOGY TRANSFER LAWS, AND
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MEXICAN OFFICIALS DID THEIR BEST TO ASSURE US THAT THESE LAWS WOULD BE APPLIED SENSIBLY AND PRAGMATICALLY. SECRETARY ROGERS WAS ALSO ABLE TO BRING UP POPULATION PROBLEM AND WAS INFORMED OF ECHEVERRIA'S GREAT CONCERN OVER THIS PROBLEM WHICH HAS LED TO EXPANDED GOM FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAM.

3. PUBLIC ASPECTS OF VISIT: SECRETARY GAVE THREE PRESS CONFERENCES (ON ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE AT AIRPORT AND A

THIRD AT LOS PINOS FOLLOWING MEETING WITH PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA) AND HAD A MOST PRODUCTIVE BACKGROUND MEETING WITH PUBLISHERS AND TV EXECUTIVE. HE ALSO PARTICIPATED IN CEREMONY FORMALLY RETURNING STOLEN ARTIFACTS TO MEXICO WHICH, TOGETHER WITH HIS EVEN MORE IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT THAT HE HAD DELIVERED OUR SALINITY PROPOSAL TO PRESIDENT ECHEVERRIA, CONSTITUTED THE TWO MOST IMPORTANT CONCRETE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF VISIT. MR. CASEY' S BACKGROUND MEETING WITH ECONOMIC WRITERS SERVED TO EXPLAIN OUR ECONOMIC VIEWS INTERNATIONALLY AND IN THE HEMISPHERE. MRS. ROGERS' VISIT TO THE MEXICAN INSTITUTE FOR CHILD CARE ALSO RECEIVED FULL PRESS ATTENTION. PUBLIC ASPECTS OF SECRETARY' S VISIT WERE VERY SUCCESSFUL IN SETTING THE TONE FOR HIS VISIT NOT ONLY TO MEXICO BUT TO REST OF HEMISPHERE. LOCAL PRESS PICKED UP A NUMBER OF HIS PHILOSOPHICAL VIEWS, SUCH AS OUR BELIEF THAT WE ARE ENTERING A " NEW ERA OF INTEREST AND COOPERATION" IN THE HEMISPHERE. FROM OUR STANDPOINT IT WAS A PLEASANT CHANGE TO SEE THE FRONT PAGES OF MEXICAN NEWSPAPERS FILLED WITH FAVORABLE ARTICLES ABOUT UNCLE SAM. EVEN THOUGH THIS ATMOSPHERE MAY BE SHORT- LIVED, WE BELIEVE THAT SECRETARY' S VISIT CONTRIBUTED A GREAT DEAL TO BETTER UNDERSTANDING AMONG PRESS AND GENERAL PUBLIC OF TRUE U. S. OBJECTIVES IN HEMISPHERE.

4. MEXICAN DOMESTIC POLICIES. SECRETARY AND HIS PARTY RECEIVED CLEAR INDICATIONS THAT DESPITE SOME PUBLIC RHETORIC TO THE CONTRARY, GOM IS NOT GOING TO ADOPT EXTREME LEFTIST POSTURE IN DOMESTIC POLITICAL OR ECONOMIC FIELDS, AS HAS BEEN FEARED BY MORE CONSERVATIVE MEXICAN AS WELL AS U. S. CIRCLES. ECHEVERRIA' S EDUCATION CONCERNING " SOCIALIST" COUNTRIES RESULTING FROM HIS WORLD TOUR
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APPARENTLY REINFORCED HIS OWN DISINCLINATION TO FOLLOW ALIEN PATHS TO SUCCESS. HIS COMMENTS CONCERNING MISCHIEF- MAKING OF THE COMMUNISTS, FOREIGN AND DOMESTIC, GAVE STRONG INDICATION HE HAS NOT FORGOTTEN HIS EXPERIENCES IN CONTROLLING THEIR ACTIVITIES AS MINISTER OF INTERIOR BEFORE BECOMING PRESIDENT. AS HE HAS OFTEN DONE IN THE PAST, HE LEFT NO DOUBT AS TO HIS BELIEF IN A FIRM HAND WHEN DEALING WITH EXTREMISTS . SECRETARY ROGERS' EMPHASIS ON OUR OWN PRAGMATIC APPROACH TO DIFFERENT POLITICAL PHILOSOPHIES CERTAINLY ENCOURAGED ECHEVERRIA' S OWN INCLINATIONS IN THIS REGARD. ECHEVERRIA HAS IN THE PAST SOUGHT MEANS TO MAKE US BELIEVE IN HIS COMMITMENT TO DEMOCRATIC METHODS OF RESOLVING POLITICAL PROBLEMS, AND HIS DISUCSSION WITH SECRETARY CAN ONLY REINFORCE OUR BELIEF IN HIS SINCERITY.

5. SECURITY AND OTHER ARRANGEMENTS. THE MEXICANS

DEMONSTRATED ONCE AGAIN THEIR EXPERTISE IN PROVIDING
ALL NECESSARY SECURITY AND MAKING SUCH OTHER ARRANGEMENTS
AS WERE NECESSARY FOR A SAFE AND FRUITFUL VISIT BY A
SENIOR U. S. OFFICIAL.
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